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# It's confirmed: Guingona is RP envoy to China

By TJ Burgonio

IT'S OFFICIAL: former Vice President Teofisto Guingona is now the country's ambassador to China.

The Commission on Appointments yesterday confirmed the appointment of the 76-year-old Guingona despite a last-ditch attempt by former Sen. Francisco Tatad to block it.

At its plenary session, the commission, chaired by Senate President Franklin Drilon, unanimously approved a recommendation by the committee on foreign affairs endorsing Guingona's appointment.

Earlier, Tatad appeared at a caucus of the commission members and challenged Guingona's appointment, citing the Foreign Service Act which specifies the compulsory retirement of foreign service employees and officers at age 65.

"The nominee is long past sixty-five. Unless he could be named ambassador without becoming an employee of the DFA, there is simply no way of appointing him legally to that position," he said in his letter to Drilon.

## Confirmation delayed

Members of the influential body entertained debate on the matter, but eventually ruled that Tatad's opposition had been preempted by the earlier endorsement of Guingona's appointment by the committee on foreign affairs.

Undaunted, Tatad said he would consult his lawyer on the possibility of bringing the case to the courts.

Meanwhile, Angelo Reyes' confirmation as Interior Secretary was further delayed after the committee on local government decided to hear the testimonies of other "oppositors" next week.

At the hearing, Reyes came under intense grilling for his decision to waive the security clearance of Gen. Victor Corpus, whom he had appointed to head the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in 2001.

At the same hearing, Reyes came face to face with a man, identified as Jonathan Tiongco, who he believed had a part in escorting "bogus witnesses" to the hearings to derail his confirmation. Tiongco denied this.

At the resumption of his testimony, retired Col. Cristobal Irlanda, an oppositor (not a CA member as earlier reported), ques-

tioned Reyes' fitness to head a government agency on the grounds that he appointed Corpus as Isafp chief without a security clearance, among others.

At the time of Corpus' appointment, Reyes was Armed Forces chief.

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, chair of the committee on local government, reminded Reyes that former officials who had served as AFP chiefs before him had abided by rules like requiring security clearances even of personnel applying for clerical posts.

Reyes, however, justified this, saying "There was this transition period. Gen. (Jose) Calimlim had to relinquish his post. We had to appoint somebody immediately. There was a need for somebody to be appointed immediately."

When asked by Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile if he was disciplined by the President for this, Reyes said: "No. They probably thought it was a good decision."

He vowed not to be remiss again if he were confirmed by the commission, saying "I will profit from this session. I will go through the process [next time.]"

Later, members of the commission summoned Tiongco for questioning from among the crowd of spectators after establishing that he was the person who escorted "oppositors" Eduardo Arabit yesterday and Rosalie Ramoso last Tuesday.

## Just an observer

"He's trying to persuade people to issue statements that will derail my confirmation," Reyes said of Tiongco, noting that even anti-crime advocate Teresita Ang-See was among those approached by Tiongco.

But Tiongco flatly denied this, saying "I'm just an observer. I'm always here at the Senate."

Arabit alleged that he was nabbed, tortured and jailed by agents of Reyes' National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force in March this year, while Ramoso insinuated on Tuesday that Reyes had a hand in the killing of his brother in December 2003.

Both, however, failed to convince the commission members when they refused to say who helped them prepare their affidavits.

Reyes said he had ordered the national police to "get into the bottom" of the conspiracy to derail his confirmation through bogus witnesses.

# Masbate twins undergo tests

By Michael Lim Ubac

A DAY after arriving in Manila, the Garganta twins yesterday went through a series of tests, which could take weeks or even months, to establish if they could be physically separated by surgery.

Doctors at the Philippine General Hospital said the conjoined twins Angela and Angel Mae went through X-ray, 2D echo and abdominal ultrasound to detect congenital heart anomalies and ascertain their anatomy.

They are scheduled to undergo a CT-scan today.

"There is no official reading yet," said Gwen Pang, fund manager of the Philippine National Red Cross who is keeping track of the girls' condition.

But so far, the doctors had not detected any health problems on the twins who were joined at the waist (with one umbilical cord) when they were born on April 29 in Masbate City, according to Pang.

"The condition of the twins is OK," she reported, stressing that diagnostic and laboratory tests could last for two weeks, so the twins could stay in PGH for the entire duration of the tests.

"I was told that the operation will not happen soon, it's a long process and it's done step by step," said Pang.

Dr. Josefina Almonte, head of the PGH Pediatrics-Surgical ward, told the INQUIRER on Tuesday that any surgical procedure could not be conducted until after the twins were more than two months old.

Other PGH doctors said the ideal age for any surgical operation was 9 months to one year.

Almonte expressed elation that the twins had separate hearts and lungs, which could greatly increase their chances of being surgically separated.

Besides heart anomalies, the tests would ascertain whether the twins had separate gastro-intestinal system, she added.











# 8 of 26 RP beaches flunk test for coliform

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE ENVIRONMENTAL Management Bureau has tested 26 of the country's most popular beaches for fecal and total coliform content to ensure that the water is fit for swimming and diving.

About one-third, or most probably eight of these beaches, did not meet the government's water quality standards, EMB director Julian Amador said. He, however, refused to name the beaches.

Amador said the local governments and resort owners were given six months to improve the water quality in their beaches by following the recommendations of the EMB.

Amador wrote to the local governments of the failing beaches late last year, saying that the results of the water sampling done by the EMB were "not encouraging" and that the local officials must prepare an action plan to address this.

Former Environment Secretary Elisea Gozun, who started the Beach Ecowatch program during her term, said the beaches would be exposed by September if the local governments failed to improve their status.

"We want to make tourism a viable industry; we're not just looking at short-term economic benefits," she said.

"Your selling point is the natural beauty of a given area and part of it is the cleanliness of your water, so we're using this precisely to pressure both the developer and the LGUs to do everything they can to maintain water quality," Gozun, chair of the Earth Day Network, said.

She said only Indonesia, the world's largest archipelago with 17,000 islands, had similar efforts to ensure the water quality of its beaches.

Amador refused to name the 26 beaches that were assessed, but Gozun's Beach Ecowatch program last year identified the world-famous Bo-

racay in Aklan, El Nido in Palawan, Dakak in Zamboanga del Norte, Pagudpud in Ilocos Norte, Puerto Galera in Oriental Mindoro, and Puerto Azul in Cavite as prime bathing areas whose water quality must be tested.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources adheres to the international acceptable fecal coliform content in water for swimming at 200 colonies per 100 ml and total coliform content at 1,000 mpn (most probable number) per 100 ml.

Fecal coliform bacteria are found in the feces of humans and other warm-blooded animals. Total coliform contains bacteria from cold-blooded animals and other soil organisms.

Fecal coliform are not dangerous but they contain bacteria, viruses and parasites that cause diseases and illnesses.

"A person swimming in such waters has a greater chance of getting sick from swallowing disease-causing organisms, or from pathogens entering the body through cuts in the skin, nose, mouth, or the ears," according to the Indiana University-Bloomington water quality test forms.

Waters with high fecal coliform counts can cause typhoid fever, hepatitis, gastroenteritis, dysentery and ear infections.



THE DR. JOSE RIZAL during its launching.

## RP's youngest oil tanker launched

THE PNOC Shipping and Transport Corp. (PNSTC) has launched the youngest petroleum tanker in the Philippines, the 10-month-old **Dr. Jose Rizal**, which was named, named and launched on April 29.

PNSTC officials, speaking at the launching of the ship in its first of Lamon in Lamon Port, said the ship was just the first Chinese-

made multi-product tanker in the country.

At 2,200 tons, the **Dr. Jose Rizal** was built in China, this one is named by the Korean Republic Shipping (KRS).

The PNSTC said the vessel, which was built in March 2004, is a company's contribution to the domestic fleet modernization program of the Maritime Industry Authority

(Marine).

PNSTC has announced to be buying the first Chinese-made tanker in 2002, a move that led other players in the local tanker industry to modernize its fleet by procuring foreign vessels.

Discovered by PNSTC Group, its main client, PNSTC has been required to modernizing its fleet in the past few years by constantly replacing its old ships,

leading the industry to upgrade its fleet.

Philippine National Oil Co. (PNOC) president Ricardo E. Malabon, PNSTC Group chair Dela Cruz and PNSTC president Ricardo Perez led the launching ceremony.

On June 10, **Dr. Jose Rizal** will be chartered to PNSTC Group, the company's largest petroleum company.

## KIDNAPPING? Customs broker, 2 others missing

By Leticia E. Salazar

THE MAF of a customs broker, who mysteriously disappeared along with his wife and a driver almost a month ago, is possible according to the public in providing them with any information about the case.

Julius Aguilera, 40, his wife Deborah, 35, and driver Arnel The last time missing since April 8. The last time they were heard from then, they were on board a motorboat Honda CRF 1000-100, according to Aguilera's wife Leticia.

Aguilera and his wife had been on their way back, asking if she would be waiting for them in Tagaytay the next day. Leticia said she was waiting for them, but the couple did not show up.

Aguilera said she never told him since a few hours later but the last time she had been contacted. They did not go home either in Tagaytay or in the house, Leticia said.

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Leticia said Quintan had reported to them that their cellmates in the morning of April 9, a day after the disappearance.

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## Show up, tax probers tell Goma

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## Activists under siege: 4 snatched in Quezon

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## Opie lecture on writing tomorrow

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## The WORLD

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## At least 50 killed in Iraq suicide attack...

**ERBIL, Iraq**—An Iraqi carrying hidden explosives set them off outside a police restaurant center before fleeing people were applying for police identification, police said. At least 50 Iraqi were killed, the US military said, making it the deadliest insurgent attack in Iraq in more than two months.

Stationed 75 in Iraq and, at Baghdad television two men higher casualty figures, saying 50 were killed and as many as 150 wounded. It has been reported that the attack was developed by the Iraqi in 2003, a Baghdad city 250 km north of Baghdad. Several nearby buildings were damaged. Pools of blood formed on the

streets outside the center, as ambulances and other tried to take the victims some to take them to the hospital.

The attack came as many civil war were applying for Iraqi police jobs at the recruitment center in a two-story building, said Capt. Mark. The spokesman who provided the US military death toll.

Police officers from the Baghdad Police Force and the one with them, police had set them off inside the center, but police Capt. (Omar) in the last said the attack did not outside the building because of the heavy security there. It would be unlikely known whether the attacker was carrying the explosives under his clothes or in something he was carrying, police said.

Iraqi civilian Hameed Al-Basmani, 37, said he had just dropped his brother Hameed, 22, off at the recruitment center to apply for a job and it was away when the explosion occurred.

When Hameed went back, he found his brother lying in the street, bleeding and unconscious. But Al-Basmani was killed in the attack.

"I found my brother only his shoulders and neck like in a heap," he said. "I was told to go to the hospital." The blood on my shirt is my brother's."

Downs and was nearly killed at the sight of death because outside the recruitment center, and that many of the victims were unarmored, just like his brother, and wanted to join the Iraqi police.

The attack appeared to be the deadliest by insurgents in Iraq since Feb. 20, when a suicide car bomber struck a coalition police installation at guard security outside a medical clinic in Baghdad, south of the capital. That attack, which killed 120 people and wounded 135, was the single deadliest ever in the insurgency.

A key goal of US troops is to eventually push through Iraq as

security forces to reduce the risk of being played by the insurgents in fighting the insurgency.

Therefore, the US military said Wednesday that two American soldiers were killed in separate roadside bomb attacks in Baghdad, the day before. Those explosions, and the first blast, caused the deaths of two US soldiers in Iraq in 2003.

Little information was immediately available about the attacks on those two US military convoys, as the military has been in the process of the military situation.

## ... As partial Iraqi Cabinet sworn in

**BAHRAIN**—Iraqi first democratically elected government in half a century has been sworn into office, but its long-upheld promises at forming a coalition with the members of the parliament, the majority Shiite bloc.

The swearing in of a new cabinet on Tuesday was a historic step in Iraqi history, marking the first time in 33 years an Arab country was governed by Shiite Muslims.

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## MOTHER'S DAY

## US spy ordered to bring Bin Laden's head on dry ice

**WASHINGTON**—A US spy chief ordered agents to deliver Osama bin Laden's severed head in a box of dry ice and bring back a severed head of a Qaeda leader in place, a retired field officer has disclosed.

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# Jackson in deep financial trouble, says witness

San Francisco, Calif.—Michael Jackson owed more than \$200 million and was spending his money deeper into debt as the time he is

accused of murdering a 13-year-old boy in his Los Angeles home, a forensic accountant told by prosecutors said on Tuesday.

Jackson owed a 5.5 percent prime rate that would come to his

company in early 2005 just after a damaging TV documentary showed him ruffling with his assistant and defiling his promise of sharing his love with children, prosecutors said.

The testimony by assistant

John Owsen Offroy was the main damage look at other prosecutors said on the day financial of the 45-year-old musician who borrowed heavily against his company under the name of "Michael's."

"Mr. Jackson's financial condition was deteriorating up to (October of 2003)," Offroy said.

Offroy said "Superstar" was making money, but his company was losing money and there was a big gap between the two.

Offroy said he was trying to control the company's losses by cutting back on the company's expenses, but he was not able to do so.

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to his publisher.

Jackson, who has played no public appearances since 2001, was in prison at the time of all 28 charges against him.

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A witness said it was late 2003 when Jackson was asked to pay more than \$200 million, Offroy said.

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## TO PACIFIC PLANS TRADITIONAL EDUCATIONAL PLANHOLDERS

Amidst all the issues raised on Pacific Plans, Inc. (PTI), there is only one thing that the company wants its planholders to understand – that PTI has, since 1990, done everything in its capacity to honor its obligations to, and protect the interest of its planholders.

Let's take a second, hard look at what PTI has done for its planholders:

1. PTI had reacted proactively. It stopped selling open-ended plans in 1992 to contain a problematic situation with respect to servicing future claims. Had it not done so, the problem would have affected more planholders.
2. PTI continued to honor its obligations despite legal cover. A provision in the planholder's contract provides PTI an option to pay only termination values as a result of a change in government regulation (e.g., removal of cap on tuition fee increase) and fortuitous events.
3. PTI put in an additional P1.5 billion over the years to pay the runaway tuition. It continued to pay in full in the past 14 years all tuition obligation to its 56,000 scholars. To date, 18,000 of its planholders are yet to avail of the scholarships – a modest number by industry standards mainly because of action No. 1.
4. PTI instead, sold fixed-value plans whose benefits are defined. After having sold more than 400,000 fixed-value plans, PTI deemed it necessary to separate these from the 34,000 open-ended plans through a spin-off, a perfectly legal action done all over the world. The shareholders did not benefit from this spin-off. Without this, the whole body of fixed-value and open-ended plans would have suffered.
5. PTI offered to various schools an advance tuition payment for four-to-five-year courses of thousands of scholars to ensure their uninterrupted schooling. Despite PTI's plan, not one school agreed to its offer of a 10% annual tuition fee increase.
6. PTI offered to buy back plans. But the secondary market, which it has no control of, has brought prices to unreasonable levels.
7. PTI had sought ways to limit its liability on its remaining 34,000 open-ended plans by proposing to swap these with fixed-value plans. While PTI had more than P300 million cash left, servicing the requirements of its 16,000 existing planholders and liquidating its \$52 million worth of government-guaranteed bonds now would put the majority or 18,000 remaining planholders in peril.
8. After exhausting all measures available to address its financial difficulties, PTI filed for a rehabilitation plan last month. While it sought for suspension of payment, it asked the court to allow it to use its remaining P411 million in cash to provide tuition support to its 16,000 existing planholders.
9. PTI proposed to return all premium payment plus 7% net compounded interest to the 18,000 non-existing planholders. For the 16,000 who are already availing themselves of the benefits, PTI offered tuition support which is treated as an advance against the total value of their fixed-value plans.
10. PTI is now hopeful the court would uphold the merits of its rehabilitation plan. Should opposing parties succeed in blocking the rehabilitation, PTI would likely be forced to "square one" with all the problems and no solution, including the pre-termination of its \$52-million government-guaranteed bonds. If and how, these bonds would fetch P550 million less than if they are redeemed by 2010. This loss, PTI fears, would be ultimately absorbed by planholders.

All told, PTI has gone way beyond the call of obligation, legal and moral, to its planholders. When the time comes that it has overcome its present hurdles, PTI intends to be remembered as the company that offered to return the planholders' money plus more while it still could, and still took a lot of beating for a misunderstood but correct decision.



ABDUL



CLARK

## Ex-'American Idol' singer claims affair with Paula Abdul

FRANCOIS — An ABC News special on the singer's life says "American Idol" will report a relationship with Paula Abdul, which she later denied.

Clark, who has been out since 2001, said he was not a gay man, but "American Idol" judge Abdul, who was his partner, said he was not a gay man.

The boyfriend special is set to air on Wednesday after the "American Idol" results show. The first show is airing on May 24-25 at 8 p.m. in the United States.

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THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2005

## Sharon-Abbas honeymoon over; relations deteriorating

**ISRAELIEM**—The honeymoon for Israeli Ariel Sharon and Mahmud Abbas is still as rocky as ever, with the Israeli premier accusing his Palestinian counterpart of failing to lift a finger against militants and starting plans to transfer responsibility for security to the West Bank.

Nearly three months after the landmark meeting in Egypt, relations between the two men are steadily deteriorating, with both sides accusing each other of reneging on their agreements at the Sharm el Sheikh summit.

His meeting with two influential U.S. senators on Monday, Sen. Bob Dole stated his heartfelt judgment to date on the performance of Clinton who was named as second on the Israeli premier's wish naming Yasser Arafat, in January.

"Instead of disbanding the various organizations, he is asking us to merge them," Shinn told House Majority Leader Bill Paxon and Senate majority procedural committee Joe Latta last

"We're not willing to fight them and to actually something to disturb their infrastructure. While Abu Mazen (Abbas) is talking, we're not doing anything," he says.

taking significant steps to fight the terrorist organizations."

But First priested Abbaas Thawla is a transhumant herder, describing him as a "bold leader" whom the United Nations encouraged to continue to lead "so we could achieve the ceasefire."

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on Wednesday during an event sponsored by the Northern West Bank in which a married Minnie Abasi couple was also killed.

The blind soldiers, suspected of manufacturing a suicide bombing in 1994, have after the Sharm el-Sheikh summit, had their status and destination a diplomatic prize but members escaped last month.

Israel had said it would build at its present oil-treated facilities but the arms operation for a year.

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A report in *Reader's Digest*, of Israeli daily *Maariv* said more than 400 Palestinians had been arrested in the past three months, although

many more late releases. — *AJP*

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- **Wedding Dress Styling Game Show** **MAY 27 (Saturday)**  
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- **The Wedding Dress Special Advance Screening**  
**MAY 29 (Monday)** **MAY 30 (Tuesday)**  
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# John Hay developers face P4-B tax suit

By Vincent Carabon  
 Philippine Daily Inquirer

**MANILA CITY**—The Supreme Court has denied such facility a motion for reconsideration seeking the payment of tax benefits that have been granted to the P4-billion twin-brother complex at Camp John Hay, here.

The court's on March 20, 2004, denied the Camp John Hay Development Corp. (CHDC) motion for reconsideration of its P4-billion tax benefits. The court's decision was based on the fact that the company had not paid the P4-billion tax benefits. The court's decision was based on the fact that the company had not paid the P4-billion tax benefits.

John Hay Development Authority (JHDA).

The JHDA argued that the government's argument that CHDC intended to pay the P4-billion tax benefits was not credible.

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**VIAGRA PRIDE**  
 Marchers in a parade in Manila, under their way through the streets of Naga City in a parade that followed part of the celebration of the 12th Naga Pride Festival in the city.

## ROUNDUP

**14 indicted for gambling**  
 A 14-man jury panel in Manila indicted 14 persons for gambling. The indictment was issued by the Manila District Court. The 14 persons are: [List of names]

**Teacher training**  
 A group of teachers from various schools in Manila are attending a training program. The program is organized by the Department of Education. The teachers are: [List of names]

**Shield for drugs**  
 A group of police officers are patrolling a street in Manila. They are wearing shields to protect themselves from potential threats. The officers are: [List of names]

**Misera targets top food producer**  
 A group of people are protesting in front of a government building. They are holding signs and shouting slogans. The protesters are: [List of names]

**Cop killed in car crash**  
 A police officer was killed in a car accident. The accident occurred on a highway near Manila. The officer was: [List of names]

**Army officer slain in clash**  
 An army officer was killed in a clash with rebels. The clash occurred in a rural area near Manila. The officer was: [List of names]

**60 youth train on theater arts**  
 A group of 60 young people are attending a training program in theater arts. The program is organized by a local theater group. The participants are: [List of names]

**Badilla guards, take P&M in heist**  
 A group of people are involved in a heist. They are taking money and valuables from a bank. The participants are: [List of names]

## MILF, MNLF leaders meet, form new Moro group

**MANILA CITY**—The leaders of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) met in Manila to discuss the formation of a new Moro group. The meeting was held at the Manila Hotel. The participants were: [List of names]

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## NHI exec wary of planned fast-food outlet in Silliman U

**MANILA CITY**—The National Health Insurance Commission (NHI) is wary of a planned fast-food outlet in Silliman University. The outlet is planned to be located near the university's main entrance. The NHI is concerned about the health of the students.

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## Mining to consider tribal rights, say execs

**LA TRONCA, NEGROS**—The government is considering tribal rights in mining. The government is planning to open up new mining areas. The government is concerned about the rights of the tribal people.

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# INQUIRER Southern Luzon

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## War photos capture Bicolano heroism

By Edwina G. Benavide  
 August 10

**B**ICOLAN played a significant role in the country's liberation from Japanese forces during World War II, but only a few know of this, says Erlinda Belles, curator of the Lagugay City Museum in Albay.

Only a handful of historical accounts exist, including the museum and library of the Bicolano during the landing of American soldiers in the country through Legugay on April 1, 1945, Belles said.

The landing "started in the local point of view the liberation of the area region," she added. It was followed by numerous operations in other parts of the country throughout the month of April.

In an effort to fill the "vacuum of information," Belles plans to display at least 19 war photos of the American landings.

The photos were donated by Dr. Raulito Jose, chief of the library department of the University of the Philippines in Marikina, Quezon City. They originated from the Antonio Military Museum, which, Belles said, was the only museum in the US that recognized the importance of Legugay in local old photos and other war-related records.

Jose confirmed the book, "The Philippine under Japan," with Legugay as the Bicolano heroism.

### Revelation

"Sixty years after Legugay's liberation, we finally have old photos of the events that are not made available to remind the Bicolano heroism of the heroic deeds of their grandfathers," Belles said.

So other photos are available in the house, except for that of the US landing in Legugay town.

Among the latest photos donated by Dr. Jose, Belles said, he donated to Antonio Jose landed in Legugay, a close view of buildings in the port after the liberation, including passing by a landed Japanese tank, a "communist" post in Legugay (now the Philippine National Bank branch), people waiting in line for their ration book (Legugay's ration book), and a landed Japanese tank in Legugay town, Belles said, and the house building.

### Awareness

Belles's plan to mount the



BALDOZERS demolished and burned schools in Legugay town.



SUPPLY trucks and other vehicles move up to the front line through the debris-strewn streets of Legugay (now Legugay City).

first war exhibit of the old photos, was inspired by the advocacy of national hero Francisco, chief of the Philippine National Bank, who donated old photos of the war to the museum to ensure that the people would not forget the importance of Legugay.

"The time we would like to display these old photos for the people who want to look at the events of this very important war," Belles said.

Jose also donated the National Historical Bureau chart, of the old documents on records about the Legugay landing.

She and the US-A major research and study group, which is now working on the history of the Bicolano, which is now a commemorative year.

The current work of Philippine history books failed to mention that in 1944, the Bicolano suffered from, slavery and

slavery in the hands of the Japanese soldiers.

"With the new photos available, it would make a breakthrough since not only young people but also the old ones will be able to realize the role of Legugay and the entire Bicol during World War II, especially our war-related history," she said.

### Not included

Belles said the US-A major research and study group had also expressed support to the efforts of the Legugay

Library to include the Legugay landing among the occupied American landings in the country.

Eight landings have been recognized by the US. These were the Legugay City landing (Jan. 20, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 21, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 22, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 23, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 24, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 25, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 26, 1945), and the Legugay City landing (Jan. 27, 1945).

"It goes from that with the Bicolano has been considered the last American landings in the country, it is not included among these landings. But we're happy that Legugay is very important to us," Belles said.

The Legugay landing was followed by that in Marikina (April 1, 1945), Legugay (April 2, 1945), Legugay (April 3, 1945), Legugay (April 4, 1945), Legugay (April 5, 1945), Legugay (April 6, 1945), Legugay (April 7, 1945), Legugay (April 8, 1945), Legugay (April 9, 1945), Legugay (April 10, 1945), Legugay (April 11, 1945), Legugay (April 12, 1945), Legugay (April 13, 1945), Legugay (April 14, 1945), Legugay (April 15, 1945), Legugay (April 16, 1945), Legugay (April 17, 1945), Legugay (April 18, 1945), Legugay (April 19, 1945), Legugay (April 20, 1945), Legugay (April 21, 1945), Legugay (April 22, 1945), Legugay (April 23, 1945), Legugay (April 24, 1945), Legugay (April 25, 1945), Legugay (April 26, 1945), Legugay (April 27, 1945), Legugay (April 28, 1945), Legugay (April 29, 1945), Legugay (April 30, 1945).

Records from the Antonio Museum showed that Gen. Douglas MacArthur wanted to place Legugay, the office for operations in the Bicol region, to lead in Legugay for safety and security reasons.

MacArthur knew that the Japanese maintained camps of slaves, slaves and various institutions along the southern coast of Luzon and the southern coast of the Bicol Peninsula.

It also knew that the Japanese had put in place an ally in the south coast of Luzon, the Bicol Peninsula, none of the small islands in the Philippine archipelago, and northern Samar. The records showed Legugay had the military authority of Luzon.

Many call Legugay a large ported exchange area and gave the US-A major research and study group to ensure that the Legugay landing was recognized by the US. These were the Legugay City landing (Jan. 20, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 21, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 22, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 23, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 24, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 25, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 26, 1945), and the Legugay City landing (Jan. 27, 1945).

From 1944 to 1945, Japanese soldiers defended the area with heavy artillery, while from Legugay, the US-A major research and study group to ensure that the Legugay landing was recognized by the US. These were the Legugay City landing (Jan. 20, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 21, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 22, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 23, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 24, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 25, 1945), Legugay City landing (Jan. 26, 1945), and the Legugay City landing (Jan. 27, 1945).

### Tribe

Belles said the new photos would allow the construction of a commemorative park at the area's Legugay City landing.

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The opening photos symbolize the cooperation and partnership of the new Bicolano community.

## Sister Doyet, first Mangyan missionary nun

By Makenna T. Ysola  
 August 10

**H**ER PEOPLE had never thought that one of them could be a Holy Spirit sister. It is a holy missionary nun by Sister Doyet M. Lanza, who has been in the first Mangyan group to become a missionary nun.

More than 300 Mangyan people, monks, nuns and priests will attend Lanza's mass wedding on May 1 in a ceremony held with Mangyan people in a one-roomed church at the base of Mount Ibaloi in Pangasinan. The mass wedding is the first time in the history of the Mangyan people to have a mass wedding.

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### Strong decision

At the same time, Sister Doyet Lanza's family objected to her choice of mission. They had expected her to be a priest or a nun, but she decided to become a nun.

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Later, she learned more about the Holy Spirit sisters while working with them for seven years in a mission in a Mangyan school in Manila.

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### Question of the Week

More than 20 journalists have been killed in the Philippines since 1988. The Commission to Protect Journalists has identified the Philippines as "the most murderous country for journalists," followed by Iraq, Colombia, Bangladesh and Russia. What should be done to end the killings?

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THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2005

# SPORTS

## Pasa bares lean and mean candidates' pool for SEA Games

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## WBC king Barrera keen on Suico tiff

By Robert L. Rosenberg, Contributor



### Sultan challenges Japanese champ

**PHILIPPINE** welterweight champion Manny Pacquiao says he is in and ready for his July 21 challenge against former world champion and Japanese champion Shinsuke Yamanaka.

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# RP strikes gold in Thailand

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THAILAND's friendly and warm atmosphere is the perfect backdrop for the 10th annual RP (Rising Phoenix) tennis tournament, which is set to be held in the heart of Bangkok. The event is a testament to the growing popularity of tennis in Thailand, and it is a testament to the skill and determination of the players who compete in it.

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# Coca-Cola feasts on Purefoods

## Ruins Coleman debut

By Juan Martinez

AT 7:00 p.m., Coleman Coleman could drink the ball with a ship. Or, he could block shots in mid-air like a giant flycatcher. But he didn't. He was out of sync, and he was out of sync. He was out of sync, and he was out of sync. He was out of sync, and he was out of sync.

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# SPORTSWATCH

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# Yuchengco raising P250M for Pacific Plans

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

**YAPCO** Alfonso Yuchengco has vowed to raise P250 million from his personal resources to assist the beleaguered Pacific Plans Inc.

Yuchengco said in a statement issued yesterday that although Pacific Plans' problems were a corporate matter, he was doing this to facilitate to help parents pay their children's tuition requirements for the school year.

The fund to be raised by the parent will be used to provide ad-

ditional tuition support to Pacific Plans' disgruntled customers. Pacific Plans said the details of Yuchengco's bond raising pledge were being finalized and would be announced shortly.

Pacific Plans, a member of the Yuchengco group of companies, had in stock more customers in

suspending debt payments relative to its traditional education plans that have matured.

It had a capital of P50,000 open-ended or traditional plan to date met in more than 400,000 bond.

The firm's open-ended plans had been financing the company after the full deregulation of tuition increases in 1990. Prior to the deregulation, the increases were limited to 10 percent a year.

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The shift in the government's tuition policy forced the open-ended plan and it was because of this that Pacific Plans stopped selling them in 1990.

In a statement, the company cited an actual example. "We were paid a total of P15,000 on installment and got the last payment in 1995, but we had to pay from 2001 to 2005 a total of P250,000 for a four-year ending amount in the future," Yuchengco said.

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To show the sharp increase in tuition, Pacific Plans said that under its PPS, example, it paid the school P22,730 in school year 2001-02, P45,344 the following year (P55,401 in 2003-04, and P91,340 for the current school year).

"So, company can make P11,000 more in tuition fees, but the school's tuition increases. Our customers' benefit starts when we reach the total payments made by the planholders," Pacific Plans said.

"To raise these increases

alone, we must earn 50 percent compounded each year for 10 years. And we didn't have 10 years, let alone the 50 percent income," it added.

The company said that when it goes off the fixed-value plan to Ultimate Plan last August, it is better for you than Pacific Plans back on its feet. "We thought we would make it work. We even have a product that other private companies think is excellent. We would not want to see Pacific Plans keep expenses down," Yuchengco said.

## Gov't debt hits P4.08T

By Michelle Y. Reyes

**THE** NATIONAL government's debt stock has reached P4.08 trillion as of end-February this year as the foreign administration continued to borrow both from local and foreign creditors to finance its large budget deficit.

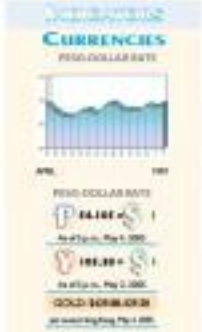
Documents from the Bureau of Treasury showed that the stock debt figure was 1.8 percent higher than the P4.05 trillion recorded in January.

Of the P4.08 trillion accumulated debt of the national government, 15.1 percent will mature in the short term, 26.4 percent over the medium term, and 58.5 percent in the long term.

Of the total, P2.34 trillion was borrowed domestically with the remaining P1.74 billion from government securities.

Financial Times's Daily Data said the government was trying to use coastal stock local rather than foreign borrowing.

(DPA/INQ)



### Shares close flat

**10,000** points closed flat after a sideways session yesterday as the market consolidated in the absence of fresh positive leads, dealers said.

Big institutions largely ignored the money-market quarter-percentage point rise in 10-year bond yields. The Philippine central bank later said it was unlikely to adjust its new rates through its new forward-looking policy.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index added 1.08 points to 1,888.17, the high after a decline of 7,888.32. Turnover was 546 million shares worth P1.1 billion. Loans were set at 42 to 36, with all stocks unchanged.

Most of the volume being traded in the yesterday was coming from foreign investors who were buying their shares, said the Philippine Stock Exchange.

The volume here is that it is more or less the same and eventually goes up. The market remains dependent on foreign funds, which is a concern for the country to be sustainable.

Debtors' contributions were falling for Congress continues to discuss proposed amendments to a law added in 2003. The amendments of President Gloria Arroyo's and President Benigno Aquino's re-elections.







# BUSINESS

## Tanduay allots P2B for expansion

By Elizabeth Sanchez

LOOKING for Tanduay Holdings Inc. (Tanduay) of the Laroza Tax Group is setting aside roughly P2 billion to improve facilities and expand operations over the next three to four years.

For 2011, the company is spending between P100 million and P1 billion to put up a new bottling plant in Capas in its base in the Ilocos region market near areas that more than a third of its sales, company sources said. Laroza sales is mixed with 20 percent of sales.

The new plant will allow Tanduay to bring three liquid bottling plants in Capas, Lugo, and Misamis Occidental under its umbrella.

The Capas de Oro plant will help with freight costs and help the company keep its

growing market share in Ilocos.

Total equity for the Tanduay group stood at 15.5 million units. It is reporting to investors equity for 18.3 million units this year over without its new P100 plant.

Tanduay is also expected to start operations despite slightly weaker sales due to an average 20 percent increase in liquor prices implemented since December.

Last year, Tanduay Holdings' net income rose by 18 percent to P600 million. Its sales jumped 22 percent to P5.76 billion in 2010.

Tanduay earlier announced that it would need P2 billion to buy six liquor-related companies that were more profitable than the value of the main distributor and make it more attractive to prospective investors. The company is

currently working on securing possible funding from local and foreign banks.

Company sources added that since the acquisition has been completed, the annual bill of this year and the sales of its target companies added to Tanduay's 2010 sales would give it nearly P10 billion from the present P7.5 billion.

Last March, Tanduay's board approved the acquisition of majority control in six firms involved in liquor and alcohol operations.

Tanduay corporate secretary Cecilia Pasagay explained that the acquisition is expected to be a long-term and continuous, including one cost for the purchase of Atlas Alcoholic Corp., Alcoholic Development Inc., Olympos Distillery Inc., Calayan Packaging Corp., River de Caden Shipping Inc., and Negros Oriental Refinery.

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## LIFESTYLE



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CRISPY frogs



CRISPY Hilo with Banana and Pineapple



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## Early bird will catch these goodies

Photo by G. L.

cost for \$11.54. Crispy Hilo with Banana and Pineapple, deep-fried catfish served with sweetened rice wine and blanched mustard leaves (P23.40).

The health-conscious can try Taro Salad (P7.75) consisting of fresh sweetened marinated taro, orange and topped with raisins, tomatoes and pickled mango.

Non-vegetarian add-ons include: Humba, a traditional Filipino dish consisting of pork belly stewed in soy vinegar, seasoned with sugar and garlicky, served with \$10.95; Lengua (liver), served with \$14.95; and Chicken Marinated, chicken marinated in soy and pepper with coconut sauce and steamed garlic, onion and ginger (P12.41).

"What's good about breakfast? It's that it is reasonably priced. Plus, we don't include a service charge," says Pelayo.

"The breakfast menu is an all-guns-on menu as they have had to cook a bit," he adds.

Breakfast Picky without grill and has to be served at Fairwood Citywalk in Quezon City. Tel: 412-1411.



THE BREAKFAST buffet has been a hit with early risers and employees of the bar.



GOODIES for early birds  
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# LIFE STYLE

The Inquirer's guide to healthy living and more

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**EQUIPMENT** with vegetable cutters, shells and peppers. Add a "kick to healthy dishes."

## Heart-friendly cooking tips, salad dressings

TODAY, I'm sharing my recipes from the classes I took on cuisine that is low-fat and healthy for the heart, together with some basic guidelines from the American Heart Association.

These tips can be adapted by those who wish to lose weight and lower their cholesterol. I am adding some low-fat salad dressings, as requested.

In your recipes, use oil in half and only season to taste toward the end of your cooking. Replace salt with herbs, spices, flavored vinegars, citrus juice or lemon. A good rule would be to equal parts of garlic and onion powder, paprika and poultry seasoning. This works well in soups, stews and sauces.

The light vegetable oil spray is non-stick

### KITCHEN RESCUE

Anggie  
Lightner



pan to grilling.

When you're trying to cut fat, oil, use stock in place of oil.

Choose cooking methods that retain flavor, color and nutrients. Steam instead of boil. High-heat extended heat raises away a lot of nutrients.

Choose roasting, poaching, steaming or cooking methods. Deep-fry and grilling of meats is a minimum. If you do, use cancer-preventing compounds. Avoid eating charred food.

Steaming is a good way to cook vegetables because the short cooking time preserves natural flavor, and usually no added salt or fat is needed.

In place of gravy or rich sauces, try vegetable sauce and fruit chutneys as condiments to meats and poultry.

Opt for low-fat and low-cholesterol ground

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